

REMARKS

This document is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (the "Notice") dated December 10, 2003. In the Notice, it was indicated that the amendment document filed on November 10, 2003 was not considered compliant for failure to provide a complete listing of all of the claims that have ever been presented in the above-identified application. Specifically, the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the amendment document filed on November 10, 2003 did not identify claims 1-16 as being cancelled.

As required by the Notice, only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is being resubmitted in its entirety. Presented are claims 1-44 with claims 1-16 indicated as being "canceled", claims 17-42 accordingly indicated as being "previously presented" or "currently amended," and claims 43-44 indicated as being "new." This listing reflects the status of all pending and newly added claims presented in the amendment document filed on November 10, 2003.

It is believed that submission of this response should bring the amendment document filed on November 10, 2003 into compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and therefore eligible for full consideration by the Examiner. If a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at (202) 496-4400 through December 31, 2003. After January 2, 2004, the undersigned attorney may be reached at (202) 739-5713. No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee(s) be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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